

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES & ST. SWITHUN'S NEWSLETTER



17 NOVEMBER 2024

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**REFLECTION FROM FR. ANTHONY.** *"The past is in God's mercy, the future is in God's hands, but the present moment is ours with God's grace."* As the liturgical year draws to a close, our attention is on the end of times. We neither know the time nor date when this will happen, for as we hear Jesus say today, *"...but as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven nor the Son; no one but the Father."*

We should not speculate or concern ourselves when the end of times will happen, as this can be a form of escapism from the present moment of grace and action. Although the future is important to prepare for, the present moment is foundational for a good preparation for the future. Let us leave the future in God's hands, trust in his grace and work with his grace to bear fruit that will endure for eternal life.

**ADVENT DAY.** St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, Saturday 20 November, 9.30am - 3.30pm. Email [cathedral@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:cathedral@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) for further information.

**ADVENT RETREAT & HEALING SERVICE.** Praise & Worship: Talks, Adoration and Healing Ministry. St. John's Cathedral, Friday 29 November from 5.00pm - 8.00pm.

**CONFIRMATIONS.** Please contact the office or speak to Fr. Anthony by Friday 22 November to ensure your child is registered for this year's confirmation programme.

**APPEAL FOR CROSS.** Urgent repairs are needed to secure the cross on the north end of the church. Work will begin in a couple of weeks. It will cost around £2,000. All donations welcome.



**GOSPEL.** Mark 13:24-32. *"The stars will fall from heaven."*

**BIBLE STUDY.** Starting on Wednesday 4 December, the parish will be hosting a bible study group on Wednesday evenings from 7.30pm onwards. We will focus on the Gospel of Luke. For more information, please contact the parish office.

**MASS INTENTIONS AND OFFERINGS.** It is a long-standing Catholic tradition to have the eucharist offered for a particular intention, for the living and the dead. We do this because our faith is centred on the celebration of the eucharist, the source of our life in Christ. Of course, Mass is free, but it is customary to make a donation in a form of Mass stipend or offering to support the presider. In the UK, the suggested amount is £5.00 but it is customary to give £10.00. If you would like to arrange a Mass offering, please contact the office.

**VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE:** [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/parish/southsea](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/parish/southsea)

# MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

## Saturday 16 November - ST. EDMUND ABINGDON

6.00pm - Our Lady of Lourdes (Vigil Mass) *Faithfully departed of the parish*

## Sunday 17 November - 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.30am - St. Swithun's - *Jane McLunchie*

10.15am - St. Swithun's - *People of the parish*

## Mon 18 Nov - DEDICATION OF THE BASILICAS OF SS. PETER & PAUL

No Mass

## Tuesday 19 November - FERIA

No Mass

## Wednesday 20 November - FERIA

9.00am - St. Swithun's - *Winifred Alice Evans RIP*

## Thu 21 Nov - THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9.00am - St. Swithun's - *Mary Blackburn & Celin Madden RIP*

## Friday 22 November - ST. CECILIA

9.00am - St. Swithun's - *Catherin d'Espanac*

## Saturday 23 November - OUR LADY ON SATURDAY

9.00am - St. Swithun's - *The sick and suffering of the city*

6.00pm - Our Lady of Lourdes (Vigil Mass) *People of the parish*

## Sunday 24 November - CHRIST THE KING

8.30am - St. Swithun's - *Charles Monk McShane RIP*

10.15am - St. Swithun's - *Margaret Pearce RIP*



**OFFERTORY.** The Parish bank account details are as follows:

**Lloyds Bank Account name:** CDP Our Lady of Lourdes' and St Swithun Church

**Sort code:** 30-93-04

**Parish Account no:** 01730453

### PARISH CONFESSION TIMES.

Saturday morning after Mass at 9.45am at St Swithun's, and

5.15pm at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Other times are available.

### YOUR PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

Have you moved since you first joined the Parish? Do we have your current email address? Have you added to your family? Help us to keep our database up to date. Thank you!

**BAPTISM.** If you are looking to have your baby baptised, please speak to Fr. Anthony Fyk or email the office if he is unavailable.

**PARISH SICK LIST.** Do you know of someone who is ill and would like Holy Communion at home? If so, please let Fr. Anthony Fyk know once you have gained the person's permission to pass on their details. Thank you for your support.

**VOLUNTEERING.** If you could help us in any way, please speak to Fr. Anthony Fyk.

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